

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading the warranty of a computer system including a plurality of components in a configuration, the method comprising:
detecting, by the computer system, a change in the configuration of the computer system; and
sending, by the computer system, a warranty upgrade request to a remote warranty processor when a change in the configuration of the computer system is detected, the warranty upgrade request including configuration information for the computer system; and
paying a warranty upgrade fee to prompt release of further warranty information.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving, by the computer system, a warranty upgrade price dependent on the configuration information in the warranty upgrade request.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising asking, by the computer system, the computer user if a warranty upgrade is desired prior to the sending step when a change in configuration is detected.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving, by the computer system, a warranty authorization including a warranted configuration describing the configuration to be warranted.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving, by the computer system, a digitally signed warranty authorizing including a warranted configuration describing the configuration to be warranted.
6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the warranty authorization includes warranty type information.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the warranty authorization includes warranty duration information.
8. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the warranty authorization includes a unique identification number of the computer system.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5~~1~~ further comprising authenticating, by the computer system, ~~the~~a digitally signed warranty authorization.
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4~~1~~ further comprising comparing, by the computer system, ~~the~~a warranted configuration in ~~the~~a warranty authorization with the ~~actual~~ configuration of the computer system, and storing the warranty authorization in secure storage if the warranted configuration matches the ~~actual configuration of the computer system~~actual configuration of the computer system.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10 wherein a secure processor in the computer system performs the comparing and storing.
12. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading the warranty of a computer system including a plurality of components in a configuration, the method comprising:
 - receiving, by a warranty processor, a warranty upgrade request from the computer system, the warranty upgrade request including configuration information for the computer system, the warranty request being generated by the computer system when the computer system detects a change in its configuration; ~~and~~
 - determining, by the warranty processor, a warranty upgrade price dependent on the configuration information in the warranty upgrade request; and
 - paying a warranty upgrade fee to prompt release of further warranty information.
13. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the warranty upgrade request includes a unique identification number corresponding to the computer system.
14. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising transmitting, by the warranty processor, the warranty upgrade price to the computer system.

15. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising receiving, by the warranty processor, payment of the warranty upgrade price.
16. (Original) The method of claim 12 further comprising generating, by the warranty processor, a warranty authorization including a warranted configuration describing the configuration to be warranted.
17. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the warranty authorizing includes warranty type information.
18. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the warranty authorization includes warranty duration information.
19. (Original) The method of claim 16 wherein the warranty authorization includes the unique identification number of the computer system.
20. (Original) The method of claim 16 further comprising digitally signing, by the warranty processor, the warranty authorization to provide a digitally signed warranty authorization.
21. (Original) The method of claim 20 further comprising transmitting the digitally signed warranty authorization to the computer system.
22. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the warranty upgrade price is determined using the replacement cost of a component in the configuration as a factor.
23. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the warranty upgrade price is determined using a remaining amount of warranty time for a component in the configuration as a factor.
24. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the warranty upgrade price is determined using age of a component in the configuration as a factor.

25. (Original) The method of claim 12 wherein the warranty upgrade price is determined using reliability data for a component in the configuration as a factor.
26. (Canceled)
27. (Canceled)
28. (Canceled)
29. (Currently Amended) A method of upgrading the warranty of a configurable electrical device including a plurality of components in a configuration, the method comprising:
receiving, by a warranty processor, a warranty upgrade request from the configurable electrical device, the warranty upgrade request including configuration information for the configurable electrical device and being generated in response to a change in the configuration of the configurable electronic device; and
determining, by the warranty processor, a warranty upgrade price dependent on the configuration information in the warranty upgrade request; and
paying a warranty upgrade fee to prompt release of further warranty information.
30. (Canceled)
31. (Canceled)